for meeting the domestic demand is likely to continue, taking into account the present supply-demand position; however, the exact extent of deficit would eventually depend upon the success of efforts for demand management and on the establishment/exploitation of oil reserves. The present approach is to reduce dependence on oil to the maximum extent possible, increasingly use indigenously available energy resources and promote efficient utilization of various energy sources.

Export of herbs for analysis and Production of cost Drugs

2593. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that many indigenous herbs which have curative properties are being exported for analysis and production of costly drugs by foreign pharmaceutical firms; and

(b) if so, the names of such herbs which are being exported?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) The names of herbs which are being exported out of the country on the basis of the information furnished by the Basic Chemicals, Pharmaceuticals and Cosmetics Export Promotion Council, Bombay is given in the attached Statement. The information regarding the end use of these herbs by foreign pharmaceutical firms is not known. The informtion regarding the end use of these herbs by foreign pharmaceutical firms is not known.

Statement

Names of Medical Plants exported to Foreign Countries:

1. Chirata
2. Galangal rhizomes
3. Psyllium seeds
4. Psyllium husks
5. Sarasparilla
6. Senna leaves & pods
7. Tukmaria
8. Zedoary roots
9. Poppy husk
10. Vinca rose: roots
11. Crude drugs others.

Irregularities in the Office of Central Water Commission in Orissa

2594. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the news items published in "Times of India" of the 28th March, 1985, 14th May, 1985, 1st April, 1985 and 15th May, 1985 regarding the serious irregularities in the Central Water Commission Office in Orissa have come to the notice of Government;

(b) whether any investigation is being conducted and the persons responsible are brouhgt to book; and

(c) if so, the details of irregularities revealed, the investigations made and action taken against the authority/officials responsible therefor?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Government is aware of the news item which appeared in the "Times of India" dated 28-3-1985.

(b) and (c) The matter is being looked into.

Making N.C.C. and Scouts Guide Training compulsory in High Schools and Colleges

2595. SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to make N.C.C. and Bays Scouts and Guides training compulsory for high school and college students; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?